

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1, 5-8, 13-26, and 39-40 are allowed.

Claims 1, 5-8, 13-23, 25-26, and 29-40 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, 20, 23, 29, 33, 36, and 39 are independent. By the foregoing Amendment, claims 29 and 33 have been amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 29-38 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 29-38 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Examiner states that the final step in the claims does not provide a tangible result to convey to a useful manner. The Examiner has provided some suggestions as to how Applicants may overcome the rejection.

By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 29-38 to accommodate the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the rejection to claims 29-38.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot and that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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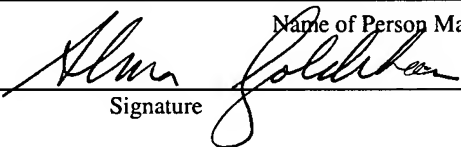
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